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The regulation of DSL is critical to the development of a competitive market. If giant companies can increase their dominant market share, the quality of service, the ability of small start-up companies, and price competition will all suffer.

I am a customer of Sonic.Net a small ISP in Northern California. I get great technical support and terrific service from Sonic since they have to try harder than SBC. I used to be an SBC customer, received terrible (and incompetent) technical support and dealt with a faceless IVR system.

It is small companies like Sonic that put a human face on the Internet and foster its growth.

I urge to maintain a level playing field, continue broadband price regulation, and ensure that companies like Sonic can deliver services including DSL. Please don't set up a situation where competition with BellSouth is impossible, reject their petition.